tutes, when these are necessary, on the basis of adequate information and through appropriate marketing and distribution.

Theft of Medicines in CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi

2929. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware about a number of cases about theft of medicines in various CGHS dispensaries in Delhi|New Delhi during the period 1st January, 1985 and 31st December, 1987;

(b) whether a major case of theft of medicines in CGHS dispensary (no. 65); took place during the aforesaid period, immediately after which the then Storekeeper was transferred; if so, the amount of medicines stolen; (in each case and particularly for dispensary No. 65); and

(c) whether any thorough inquiry into those theft cases were constituted, if so, the results of inquiries and persons found guilty in each case; and the action taken or proposed to be taken against each of the guilty persons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Five cases of theft of medicines in CGHS dispensaries were reported during January, 1985 to December, 1987.

(b) and (c) Though no case of theft of medicines in CGHS dispensary No. 65 was reported, but the then Store keeper was transferred in August, 1986. The amount of loss occurred due to theft in the above 5 cases is given below :—

Sl. No.	Name of dispy.	Date of theft	Amount of loss
1	Mayur Vihar	20-3-85	Rs. 8215
2	Gole Market-II	1 & 2-8-85	Rs. 692
3	Pushp Vihar	9-3-87	Rs. 8590
4	Lodi Road-II	25-2-87	Rs. 16182
5	Nauroji Nagar	3-11-85	Rs. 3209

In one case the guilty official has been charge-sheeted and the Departmental enquiry is in process. In the remaining 4 cases necessary Departmental action will be taken against the delinquent on receipt of Police Report.

Decline in standard of Education in Universities

2930. SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the statement issued by Prof. C. N. R. Rao, President of the Indian Science Congress, that the state of our Universities is becoming worse and worse with passage of time;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the image of the Universities;

(c) whether Government propose to increase expenditure on Chemistry based Research and Diagnosis particularly in composite materials and ceramics in line with their importance;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is a proposal with Government to establish a National Science and Engineering Foundation to examine how best scientific research could be founded ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The observation was made by Prof. Rao in his Presidential Address to the Indian Science Congress in January, 1988 at Pune. According to him, higher science education today presents a rather discouraging picture due to several factors of a complex nature. These include, among others, the problems faced in school education, overcrowding in Universities and colleges, inadequacy of library and laboratory facilities in many colleges, etc.

(b) The National Policy on Education 1986 and its Programme of Action visualises a series of measures for improving